

## REMARKS

This is a Response to a Non-final Office Action mailed on October 27, 2008 (Office Action). Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the thorough review of the application, search and analysis. Claims 35 – 60 are now pending.

A new drawing sheet is proposed along with appropriate changes to the specification. Additional clerical changes to the specification have also been made. It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

A new abstract and new title have been proposed.

The objection to certain claims as improper Markush claims is respectfully traversed. However, the objection may be rendered moot by the present claims.

With respect to the claims, the indication of allowable subject matter as set forth in the Office Action is noted with appreciation.

Claim 7 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter but was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. (Claim 7 had depended solely on Claim 3). Claims 3 and 7 have been combined and rewritten as new Claim 35, which is submitted to be allowable.

Claims 36 through 47 depend directly (or indirectly -- Claim 41) from new Claim 35 and are thus submitted to be allowable.

Claim 18 was indicated as allowable. This claim has been rewritten as Claim 48.

Claim 24 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter but was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. (Claim 24 had depended solely on Claim 21). Claims 21 and 24 have been combined and rewritten as new Claim 49, which is submitted to be allowable.

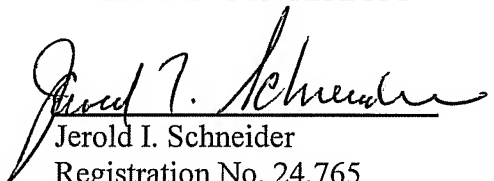
Claims 50 through 60 depend directly (or indirectly – Claim 54) from new Claim 49 and are thus submitted to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

All formal matters have been addressed. Allowance of all claims is respectfully submitted. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested and encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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